CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY JULY 25, 2016 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

D O C K E T

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals.
2. Approval of the June 27, 2016 Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove 15 feet of parking at 501 Slater’s Lane east of the main entrance to Marina Towers.

5. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to change the 20-minute parking restriction to 2-hour parking restrictions at the north side of the 200 block of Canal Center Plaza at the intersection with First Street.

6. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove one parking space at each of the four corners of the intersection of Taylor Avenue and Virginia Avenue.

STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:
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MONDAY JUNE 27, 2016, 7:30 P.M.
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ROOM 2000

M I N U T E S

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman, Jay Johnson, Vice Chair, William Schuyler, James Lewis, Randy Cole, Kevin Beekman, Ann Tucker and Casey Kane.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Carrie Sanders, Acting Deputy Director of Transportation, Bob Garbacz, Division Chief Traffic, Ravi Raut, Civil Engineer IV, Hillary Orr, Complete Street Manager, Ray Hayhurst, Complete Street Coordinator, Katye North, Parking Planner, and Cuong Nguyen, Civil Engineer I.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: Item number 4 was deferred.

2. Approval of the May 23, 2016, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Mr. Beekman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve the minutes from the May 23, 2016 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Ike Mutln made a comment about the danger of pulling out of Marina Towers onto Slaters Lane. He asked the Board to consider removing one or two spaces to alleviate the issue.

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to change the color scheme of Alexandria Yellow Cab vehicles.

DISCUSSION: This item was deferred.

5. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to transfer the Grandfather Certificate number 479.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. Ken Aggrey and Mr. Chand Dodhy from the public spoke in favor of this request.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve the request to convert Grandfather Certificate number 479 to a permanent certificate with White Top Cab. The motion carried unanimously.
6. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to temporarily change the taxi fare structure to accommodate the WMATA Safe Track rail closings impacting Alexandria.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** No one from the public spoke about this item.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to approve the request to temporarily change the taxi fare structure to accommodate the WMATA Safe Track rail closings impacting Alexandria as follows:

1. Provide a flat rate of $15.00 between three Metrorail Stations: King Street Metrorail Station, Braddock Road Metrorail Station and Eisenhower Avenue Metrorail Station; and Reagan National Airport.
2. Eliminate the charge for additional passengers on all trips from within the City of Alexandria to Reagan National Airport.
3. Eliminate the charge for items placed in the cab truck handled by the driver on all trips from within the City to Reagan National Airport.

The motion carried unanimously.

7. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install a reserved handicapped space on Dock Street at the new Meridian Eisenhower Station residential building.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** No one from the public spoke about this item.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Beekman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schuyler to approve the request to install a reserved handicapped space on Dock Street at the new Meridian Eisenhower Station residential building and report back to the Board in September about staff’s investigation into possible code violations with the parking garage and the usage of the parking space. The motion carried unanimously.

8. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to add three hour, 8 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday, residential restrictions on both sides of the 1200 block of Trinity Drive.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. North presented the item to the Board.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Ms. Deborah Ann Conlan, Mr. Lance Spencer, Ms. Emily Babcock spoke in favor of this item. Mr. Bill Bavin opposed the request.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ann Tucker to approve the request to add three hour, 8 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday, residential restrictions on both sides of the 1200 block of Trinity Drive. The motion carried unanimously.
9. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to continue three hour metered parking at the City parking lot on the 900 block of King Street from 8 am to 9 pm, at $1.75 per hour.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. North presented the item to the Board.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** No one from the public spoke about this item.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Beekman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve the request to continue three hour metered parking at the City parking lot on the 900 block of King Street from 8 am to 9 pm, at $1.75 per hour. The motion carried unanimously.

10. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove one parking space to install a Capital Bikeshare station.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Orr presented the item to the Board.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Mr. Johnathan Krall spoke in favor of this item.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Beekman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kane to remove one parking space to install a Capital Bikeshare station. The motion carried unanimously.

11. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request of changing lane configuration of King Street, install “No Right Turn on Red” signs at southbound Kenwood Avenue at King Street, and reduce the speed limit from 35mph to 25mph on King Street between Chinquapin Drive and Melrose Street.

**DISCUSSION:** Mrs. Orr presented the item to the Board.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:**
Ms. Michelle Reday, Mr. Andy Krakowski, Mr. John Harley, Mr. Robert Dunn, Mr. Kris Meyers, Mr. Edward Templeman, Mr. Martin Whitmer, Mr. Zachary Desjardins, Mr. Michael Cook, Ms. Jeanne Harley, Ms. Greta Bertinot, Mr. Charles Brinkman, Mr. Johnathan Krall, Mr. David Kaplan, Ms. Pamela Smith, Mr. Johnathan Brittle, Ms. Patty Collins and Mr. Jim Durham spoke in favor of this item.

Ms. Lisa Porter, Mr. Mark Munson, Ms. Deborah Ann Conlan, Mr. Lance Spencer, Mr. David Gage, Mr. Jason Dechant, Mr. David Anderson, Mr. Bill Gardepe, Mr. Clifton Brown Jr., Ms. Gail Gordon Donegan, Ms. Allaire D. Williams and Mr. Milton Tulkoff spoke in opposition of the request.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kane to approve staff’s recommendation and request that staff evaluate the project and if the project fails to meet the staff defined expectations in the project proposal presented to the Board, take remedial actions to correct.
MEMORANDUM

DATE: JULY 25, 2016
TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD
FROM: T&ES STAFF
SUBJECT: DOCKET ITEM # 4

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove 15 feet of parking at 501 Slater’s Lane east of the main entrance to Marina Towers.

APPLICANT: Ike Mutlu, GM of Marina Towers Condominiums.

LOCATION: 501 Slaters Lane

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the Board recommend to the Director of T&ES removal of one parking space at 501 Slater’s Lane east of the main entrance to Marina Towers.

DISCUSSION: Ike Mutlu spoke during the public comment period at the June Traffic and Parking Board meeting requesting that parking be removed on Slater’s Lane at the Marina Towers driveway. Marina Towers Condominium is located at the east end of Slater’s Lane and has approximately 500 residents. The traffic volume of this section of Slaters Lane is low. Although sight distance is restricted there have been no reported accidents exiting the driveway onto Slater’s Lane. In situations such as this the City removes one parking space to improve sight distance.
Bob:
Thank you for taking the time this morning to discuss safety issues along Slaters Lane. Marina Towers is a high rise condominium located at 501 Slaters Lane, Alexandria, VA 22314. Our community is composed of 283 units with approximately 75% of which are owner occupied. The building has approximately 500 residents and 437 off-street parking spaces. Marina Towers has one primary entrance/exit to its parking lot at the top of the hill. Some of the street parking located next to the main entrance is a significant safety hazard to owners, renters, parents, vendors and employees. When drivers attempt to leave the parking lot they are unable to safely see cars coming down Slaters Lane toward the GW Parkway. This is due to the fact that cars are able to park immediately next to the Marina Towers parking entrance. Residents and employees on multiple occasions have had near misses because they are not capable of seeing cars coming from their left. The safety problem is made worse when vehicles are speeding up Slaters Lane. Marina Towers Condominium owners/residents are recommending the City of Alexandria post a NO PARKING SIGN restricting approximately the first 15 ft. next to our entrance. This will address the safety problem and prevent future accidents. Please let me know when and where the hearing will be held and I as well as others would be happy to attend. On behalf of all our owners and residents thank you for your help.

Take care,

Ike Mutlu, MPA, CMCA, AMS
General Manager, Marina Towers Condominiums
501 Slaters Ln | Alexandria, VA 22314
Phone: (703) 549-0660 ext 104
E-mail: marinatowersgm@comcast.net
Proposed removal of one parking space
DATE: JULY 25, 2016

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD

FROM: T&ES STAFF

SUBJECT: DOCKET ITEM # 5

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to change the 20-minute parking restriction to two-hour parking from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. restrictions at the north side of the 200 block of Canal Center Plaza at the intersection with First Street.

APPLICANT: Suzanne Pyles, VP of Marketing and Communications.

LOCATION: 200 Canal Center Plaza

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the Board recommend to the Director of T&ES changing the 20-minute parking restriction to two-hour parking restrictions at the north side of Canal Center Plaza at the intersection with First Street.

DISCUSSION:
The 20-minute parking restriction was installed to ensure parking turn-over for users of the ATM located at 1001 North Fairfax Street. The ATM has been removed so the 20 minute restriction is no longer required. This area has a high on-street parking demand for patrons of the surrounding businesses. Most of the demand for parking is from visitors and clients of the 1001 North Fairfax Street building. Changing to two-hour parking restrictions will provide 3 more spaces for the area.
From: Suzanne Pyles [mailto:Suzanne@stoladi.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2016 9:39 AM
To: Bob Garbacz
Cc: Linda Taggart
Subject: Request to change Parking from 20min to 2 hrs in North Old Town

Good Morning,

On behalf of A-FCP Fairfax Office Condominium we would like to request that the city change the 20 minute parking restrictions to 2 hour parking along right side of First Street heading from Canal Center Plaza towards North Fairfax Street along the south entrance to 1001 North Fairfax Street.

The original 20 minute parking restriction was to accommodate a bank with an ATM located at the 1001 N Fairfax Building, which has been gone for years. Now that this building is mainly office space there are clients and guests visiting the site for meetings who complain that 20 minutes is insufficient.

There are currently two loading areas, which provide plenty of loading space along the block, and 2 hour metered parking in front of the retail tenant, the Perfect Pita, across the street. Therefore the most obvious use for these spaces is the 1001 North Fairfax Street visitors, who need 2 hours to accommodate a standard business meeting. We would very much appreciate your consideration of this change.

Linda Taggart sent an email requested back in February, but we did not hear back, so we want to make sure this is the proper way to make a request. Please let us know if there are any additional steps we need to take or information we need to provide.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Pyles  Vice President of Marketing and Communications

suzanne@stoladi.com  |  www.stoladi.com

STOLADI
1636 Connecticut Avenue, NW, 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20009
Propose changing 20-min to 2-hour restriction

Proposed changing from 20 min to 2 hour parking
DATE: JULY 25, 2016

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD

FROM: T&ES STAFF

SUBJECT: DOCKET ITEM # 6

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove one parking space at each of the four corners of the intersection of Taylor Avenue and Virginia Avenue.

APPLICANT: Bart Farrell, resident of 2407 Taylor Avenue.

LOCATION: Intersection of Taylor Avenue and Virginia Avenue.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the Board recommend to the Director of T&ES removing one parking space at each of the four corners of the intersection of Taylor Avenue and Virginia Avenue.

DISCUSSION: Taylor Avenue and Virginia Avenue are narrow residential streets. George Mason Elementary School is located 100 feet north of the intersection and when school is in session, cars parking on the street park too close to the intersection. Staff contacted the principal of the school and requested that school staff park farther away from the intersection. This did not help. Mr. Farrell is concerned that emergency vehicles cannot access the homes on his block because the parked vehicles at the intersection do not leave enough space for emergency vehicles to turn. Both Virginia Avenue and Taylor Avenue are only 24 feet wide which is not wide enough to support heavy parking on both sides of the street because there would only be an eight foot travel lane. Streets of this width are not uncommon in Alexandria and Del Ray has a number of similar streets. Many of the narrow streets in Del Ray only allow parking on one side of the street to accommodate a wide enough travel way for traffic. Taylor Avenue and Virginia Avenue both have parking on both sides of the street and this works as long as parking and traffic are light.
Bob...

I am writing to request assistance from the City of Alexandria with the parking congestion occurring at the intersection of Taylor Avenue and Virginia Avenue.

This primarily takes place Monday through Friday when school is in session at George Mason Elementary School. It appears that the majority of the vehicles belong to those people employed at the school. Some days this congestion will extend through 5:00PM.

Vehicles park on both sides of Virginia and Taylor right up to the corner. It makes navigating vehicles in both directions difficult. I have also witnessed first responders experience difficulty navigating these clogged streets on at least 2 occasions.

I would ask that the school require their employees to park on only one side of the street and no closer than 20 feet from the corner.

I will work on a petition securing signatures from my neighbors and forward to you after Memorial Day as I will be out of town.

Thank you...
Bart Farrell
2407 Taylor Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22302
202-669-3582
Petition

We the undersigned residents of the City of Alexandria (Jefferson Park), present this petition to the Traffic and Parking Board to address parking and traffic concerns associated with employees and visitors at the nearby George Mason Elementary School during school hours. Employees and visitors of the school park on Virginia Avenue from Cameron Mills Road to Clay Street. On Taylor Avenue from Tyler Place to the back entrance of the school. These vehicles are parked on both sides of the street, up to the corner of the intersection of Taylor and Virginia. Navigating these roads for vehicles and pedestrians has become quite dangerous and on more than one occasion, fire and EMS trucks have been unable to navigate the streets and been forced to back out.

While we wish to be good neighbors with the school, this parking and traffic has affected the quality of life for the local residents. It is our understanding that the school offers parking at another site. We ask the Traffic and Parking Board to come up with an equitable solution in consultation with local residents.
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